

This Preliminary Amendment and request for publication of the amended application is being made within 14 months of the priority date of this application. It is believed that no new fees are required for this Preliminary Amendment; however, if any fees are deemed to be required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 13-0014.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please insert the following as new claim 12:

-- 12. A building protection system for controlling the flow of a utility, such as water or gas, through an inlet line into a building, comprising:

a valve disposed in the inlet line and having an open position permitting flow of the utility into the building and a closed position preventing flow of the utility into the building, said valve responsive to an electrical signal to move between said open and said closed positions;

a sensing switch operable to generate a sensing signal in response to sensing a leak of the utility in the building;

a wireless transmitter connected to said sensing switch and configured to generate a transmitted signal corresponding to said sensing signal, said transmitter being positioned remote from said valve;

a wireless receiver operably associated with said valve and configured to receive said transmitted signal and to generate said electrical signal in relation to said transmitted signal; and

an auto-dialer associated with said receiver and connected to a phone system, said auto-dialer configured to automatically dial a stored phone number in response to receipt of said transmitted signal by said receiver. --